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TAGS: PFOR, TECH, IN, UK

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BRITISH PUBLIC LINE ON INDIAN NUCLEAR
TESTING

1. FCO HAS PREPARED COMMENT TO BE MADE IN REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AS NECESSARY ON THIS SUBJECT. LINE WILL BE TO EMPHASIZE NPT ASPECTS BUT TO AVOID ANY DIRECT COMMENT ON SUB-CONTINENTAL ANGLE. HMG WILL EXPRESS DESIRE "NEITHER TO MORALIZE NOR RECRIMINATE ABOUT THE INDIAN TEST." AS DEPOSITORY POWER OF THE NPT, UK WILL EMPHASIZE ITS INTEREST IN SEEING THAT TREATY GENERALLY RESPECTED.
 2. FCO HOPES TO AVOID GOING ON THE RECORD IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS ON SUBJECT. IF PRESSED, SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE REMARKS ALONG LINES OF ABOVE STATEMENT FOR NON-ATTRIBUTABLE USE ONLY.
 3. AS FCO OFFICIAL TOLD US MAY 21, BRITISH SEE NO POINT IN MAKING STATEMENTS ABOUT SUB-CONTINENT. ANY STATEMENT THEY MAKE THEY "SIMPLY PAY FOR FOR MANY YEARS
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AFTER" IN TERMS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTRY

THAT DOES NOT LIKE IT.

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